

**Notice of Allowability**

Application No.

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Examiner

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the amendment received on 10/17/05.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-13 and 15.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some\* c) ☐ None of the:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.

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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

**Attachment(s)**

- ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
- ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
- ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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## **DETAILED ACTION**

### ***Response to Amendment***

1. Applicant's amendment was received on 10/17/05 and has been entered and made of record. Currently, claims 1-13 and 15 are pending.

### ***Drawings***

2. The drawings were received on 10/17/05. These drawings are accepted.

Applicant's amendment to Figs. 9-12 to insert reference characters and to the specification to insert reference characters that were not described has overcome the objection to the Drawings as cited in the previous Office Action. Therefore the objection has been withdrawn.

### ***Specification***

3. Applicant's amendment to correct minor informalities has overcome the objection to the specification as cited in the previous Office Action. Therefore the objection has been withdrawn.

***Response to Arguments***

4. Applicant's arguments, see page 16, filed 10/17/05, with respect to claims 1-13 and 15, more specifically claim 1, have been fully considered and are persuasive. The rejection of claims 1-13 and 15 has been withdrawn. Particularly, the incorporation of allowable features of objected-to claim 14 into claim 1 have thus rendered claim 1 allowable.

***Allowable Subject Matter***

5. Claims 1-13 and 15 are allowed.

6. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The examiner believes that it would not have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to combine the storing of a parameter in the external database corresponding to the brand of print sheets with the other limitations as recited in the claims.

The closest prior art reference, previously noted as Morgan et al. (US 5220674), discloses a system in which a print server controls both the printing requests of a printer and responds to printer requests for resources needed to satisfy a printing request. A resource manager is provided for receiving resource requests from the printer for resources required to satisfy particular printing requests and in response forwards the necessary resources to the printer. However, Morgan fails to disclose an external

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database for storing a parameter corresponding to the brand of print sheets for which a request from a client machine can be made.

Therefore, for these reasons, the claims are rendered allowable.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

### ***Conclusion***


Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Mark R. Milia whose telephone number is (571) 272-7408. The examiner can normally be reached M-F 8:00am-4:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Edward Coles can be reached at (571) 272-7402. The fax number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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